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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration based on the following amendments and remarks:

In the Specification

✓ Version with Markings to Show Changes to the Specification ✓

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following:**

Referring now to Figure 1, one embodiment of the present invention is shown as skull pin 10 which comprises a pin body 12 and pin tip 14, shown in Figure 2. Pin body 12 is generally cylindrical. Proximal end 22 of pin body 12 includes a bore 13. Distal end 16 of pin body 12 includes a head 18 which has a slot 19 or is otherwise equipped for turning and tightening skull pin 10 through threaded holes in a halo or tong. Pin body 12 includes threads 20 along its exterior so that it can be screwed into such threaded holes in a halo or a tong. Proximal end 22 of pin body 12 has a generally cylindrical bore 13

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